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## **STATUS INQUIRY**

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Sir:

A Response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers was filed in the referenced application on June 28, 2002. Since more than two years has elapsed since that date, and no Action has been received by attorney for Applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

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